

Fremont Conservation Commission
06-02-08 Minutes



Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of June 2, 2008
Approved June 16, 2008

Present: Chairman Jack Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien, Tina Sturdivant, Pat deBeer and Bill Knee.

Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. Sturdivant made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mbr. Knee with unanimous favorable vote.

At 7:35 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to enter into non-public session, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (d), to discuss consideration of appraisal and acquisition of real property. Mbr. deBeer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved 5-0.

At 8:00 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant and unanimously approved 5-0.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion that, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 III, in as much as divulgence of the information presented likely would affect adversely the action here enclosed and render it ineffective, the minutes of the non-public session held at tonight's meeting be sealed until such time as, in the opinion of a majority of the Members of the Fremont Conservation Commission, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply. The motion was seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant and unanimously approved 5-0.

GLEN OAKES FOREST & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Members discussed the possibility of creating a management fund for the Town Forest, and they agreed that it must be in compliance with RSA 31:110 through 31:113, as referenced in the March 22, 2007 Selectmen's "Ordinance Governing the Use of Town Forest". The Members agreed that the language of the RSA's would need to be investigated before a management fund could be created.

HJALMER ANDERSON
Map 6 Lot 060

Chrm. Karcz said that he has not received a copy of the Easement draft for the Anderson property at 84 Old Ridge Road, Map 6 Lot 060. It was noted that Surveyor Tom Brouillette has met with Mr. Anderson and has done some field work.

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ERLAC

Mbr. deBeer gave the following summary of the recent ERLAC meeting:

- I. ERLAC has been very helpful to towns requesting help regarding wetlands issues.
 - A. The Sandown Conservation Commission has had a problem with wetlands violations in the Riverbend Subdivision. The subdivision was partially developed and then sold just before the Town invoked a "cease and desist order." The developer still owns an adjacent lot and already has an existing wetlands violation on that lot, too. To date, this developer has had 33 wetlands violations in Sandown. The suggested remedies proposed include: fining the developer heavily, requiring the developer to take out the bridge abutments put in without a permit, requiring the developer to restore the wetlands. ERLAC wrote a letter supporting Sandown to NH DES.
 - B. The Exeter subdivision had concerns about wetlands and the Little River in the Linden Commons Subdivision. As a result of the letter written by ERLAC, the developer has agreed to: have deed restrictions regarding fertilizer and pesticide use for all lots, not just those abutting the river; to pull the lot lines out of the Exeter shoreland protection zone – 150' vegetative, no cut buffer adjacent to all wetlands; demarcate all open space instead of wetlands as currently noted on plan.
- II. Review of Vernal Pool Workshop
 - A. Patrick Seakamp has a new, very effective Powerpoint presentation.
 - B. The Raymond auditorium was great for the Vernal Pool Workshop.
 - C. The ERLAC Vernal Pool Workshop was not as well attended as previously
- III. July 22 kickoff meeting: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. ERLAC's monthly meeting will focus on the Subwatershed Management Plans and the Fluvial Assessment (aka, "how flowing water shapes the landscape") and the Management Plan for State Owned Land. Sally Soule, Steve Couture and Laura Weit from NH DES will present, as will the consultants for the fluvial project, Bear Creek Associates. Invitations will be sent to local officials in the Exeter River watershed communities. Please start spreading the word. The meeting will take place in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood.
- IV. Fish Ladder Tour – June 7, 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. at the NH Fish and Game Exeter fish ladder at the Great Dam in Exeter. NH Fish and Game has seen more alewives this year than they have seen for several years – 250 over the ladder so far. At the Cocheco Dam, 1100 have been seen so far.
- V. July 12 with a rain date of July 13 (tentative dates), there will be a Phillips Pond Paddle sponsored by ERLAC and the Sandown Conservation Commission. The public is invited to learn more about water quality in Phillips Pond and the Exeter River. Meet at the Sandown parking lot. The public will be invited to learn more about water quality in Phillips Pond and the Exeter River.
- VI. ERLAC and Great Bay Trout Unlimited are sponsoring a fly fishing event for kids on October 25. There will be Fly Fishing for ages 10 to 15, and a Macro Invertebrate Workshop for younger kids.

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There will be a morning and an afternoon session, and the workshops will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

VII. There is CTAP funding available to Towns for \$15,000 to be used for a cooperative, inter town project.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Mbr. Knee made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.
Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

Minutes as taken from notes by Chrm. Karcz.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc
Land Use AA/Recording Secretary